

Public Housing Access

A convening on innovative reentry practices

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Discussion Guide

During or after the livestream please send in your questions via email (ask@vera.org) or Twitter (@verainstitute using #HousingReentry).

After hearing discussions on the importance of public housing for people with conviction histories, including various lessons from the field, best practices, and opportunities for changes in policy, consider the following questions for how you might apply what you've learned in your community or jurisdiction.

1. What is the most innovative public housing authority practice you heard during this convening? How could you apply it to your own community or jurisdiction?
2. What are your biggest challenges in building community partnerships particularly around public housing access and reentry practices? How might you overcome them?
3. What are some practical next steps you would like to take to promote better public housing access and reentry practices in your community (i.e., which organizations could you partner with including law enforcement and service providers, what policies or current practices might you need to consider, which programs described today are you most interesting in adapting or replicating in your community)?
4. What are some of the broader policy changes needed in your community or state to expand access in housing to people with criminal records?